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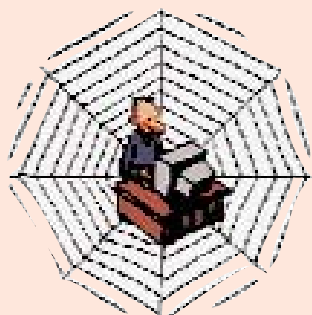
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Recycling resources



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman

Paul Yankovich, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, loads processing-ready shredded paper on the dock of the recycling center. Today's Earth-Arbor Day events include a 5-kilometer fun run, tree planting ceremony and household hazardous waste disposal. For more information, see Page 13.

Wingman observances set for May

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Taking care of oneself and each other is the goal of the 81st Training Wing's Wingman Day, May 11.

The 81st Training Group holds a separate observance on May 6.

"Wingman Day is a program directed by Air Education and Training Command for Air Force members to plan and participate in a day of events to help members take care of themselves and other members — their 'wingmen,'" explained Staff Sgt. Brandon Ferris, assistant to the wing's command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Aliquippa Allen. "Events are focused on the four dimensions of health and wellness: emotional, social, spiritual and physical.

"Wingman Day also focuses on small group interactions to stimulate discussions about common issues faced by our members, both officer and enlisted," he added. "The latter half of the day will be filled with various activities to include team building."

Several Keesler organizations are sponsoring softball, golf, bowling and

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Mission demands up-to-date vaccinations

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Frequent, short-notice deployments worldwide demand the military step up its emphasis on keeping the force vaccinated for contingencies it may face, said the Defense Department's deputy director for the Military Vaccine Agency.

The expeditionary nature of

the force requires that DOD officials plan ahead to provide servicemembers the best possible protection against disease and illness when they deploy, said Army Col. John Grabenstein.

"Vaccinations have always been about planning ahead," he said. "We try to anticipate what is going to happen at the other end of that plane flight

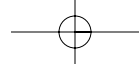
to the deployment area."

As a result, DOD officials are conducting more surveillance about infections and diseases that servicemembers need to be protected against, Federal Drug Administration-approved vaccines to counter them and Centers for Disease Control guidelines for administering these vaccines.

DOD officials are also

making a greater effort to ensure service members' shot records are up to date. This way, when a short-notice deployment occurs, the affected troops need only those shots specific to their deployment area, not "a big, long laundry list of vaccines," Colonel Grabenstein said.

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COMMENTARY

Mission supporters – committed to excellence

By Col. Bruce Bush

81st Mission Support Group commander

More than seven months ago, I received the pleasure of assuming command of one of the most complex and diverse groups in the Air Force.

The 81st Mission Support Group is 2,400 personnel strong providing base support and world-class programs, sustaining more than 70,000 permanent party personnel, families, retirees and students.

To say I'm overwhelmed by how professional our personnel are at doing their jobs would be an understatement.

Vince Lombardi once said, "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field." The past seven months are a true indication of the quality of the lives of 81st MSG personnel. Commitment to excellence runs throughout the group.

Services

Services professionals touch thousands of customers every day. Their programs once again garnered Air Force and Air Education and Training Command level awards. Customers are No. 1 for Services and it's obvious when you recognize they serve over 140,000 meals per month with the highest customer satisfaction rating in AETC.

Last summer, 81st SVD upgraded Gaudé Lanes, creating a state-of-the-art family entertainment facility. In an effort to support the Air Force Chief of Staff's vision for fitness, major upgrades to facilities, programs and equipment were made to base fitness centers.

Communicators

The 81st Communication Squadron continues to exceed standards. Their communication security and information assurance program received outstanding remarks from inspectors. Additionally, communications professionals completed over \$3 million in infrastructure upgrades enhancing every unit's ability to meet mission requirements.

Suppliers

If it's true every job is a self portrait of the person who did it, the 81st Supply Squadron was painted by a master. Their support to the 403rd Wing's mission is remarkable. The squadron maintained an incredible 88 percent stockage effectiveness rate for the 22 aircraft assigned to the 403rd Wing. The fuels flight safely stocked, stored and issued over 4.5 million gallons of aviation fuel with an average response time of less than seven minutes, blowing away the Air Force's 30 minute standard.

Security Forces

The 81st Security Forces Squadron provides a secure environment for Keesler. Over the past seven months, our investigations section recov-

ered over \$28,000 in private and government property with one of the highest solve and conviction rates in the command. The unit has a huge deployment tasking and its blistering operations tempo resulted in security forces personnel fighting the global war on terror with 8,801 deployed days, on two continents, in three hostile fire zones keeping us safe at home.

Contractors

It's been a banner seven months for our contracting professionals. They ended fiscal year 2004 executing more than 1,800 actions and \$54 million obligated. Partnered with other squadrons within the group, they helped make their programs bigger and better. Their contracting expertise impacted services' ability to win the Air Force Hennessy award for the best food service program. This amazing group of professionals received a first-ever excellent rating for a contingency contracting team.

Supporters

The accomplishments of the 81st Mission Support Squadron are a benchmark for excellence. They operate the Air Force's only student personnel center, routinely in and out processing thousands of students each month. In the last few months, these professionals have accounted for the development of many Air Force best practices, including the Dollar and Sense program designed as an interactive database to teach money management for students.

Civil engineers

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron was named the best in AETC for good cause. The squadron also won Air Force and Secretary of Defense awards for environmental restoration and outstanding engineering flight. Civil engineer professionals completed everything from in-house renovations of our permanent party dormitories, to repairing broken mains, and executing millions of dollars in major construction projects.

Transporters

For the 81st Transportation Squadron professionals, mission is No. 1. They maintain a vehicle fleet of 456 valued at over \$24 million with a 94 percent vehicle-in-commission rate. In the last seven months, 81st TRANS has deployed more than 5,400 man days to some of the most dangerous locations in the Central Command's area of responsibility, ensuring critical supplies reach U.S. personnel and Iraqi people. They're also true stewards of the American taxpayer's dollars, developing a business practice using commercial buses and moving students from Keesler to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, saving the Air Force \$50,000 in monthly travel costs.

It's an honor working with these professionals who make up the 81st MSG where "excellence in all we do" is more than a slogan — it's a way of life!

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

For the record...

Comment — I'm stationed at Warner Robins Air Force Base and attended a class at Keesler from Feb. 7-17.

When I returned to Robins, I noticed I left my training records in my billeting room. I called the front desk at Muse Manor to ask them to search the room. They said the room had already been cleaned, but checked and said they didn't find anything.

I then called the person who stayed in the room after me and he immediately located the training records in the desk drawer. I knew one of my students would be at Keesler and called the front desk to let them know he would pick up the training records for me. However, when he tried to pick them up, they wouldn't release the records to him.

I would like an answer to this because I feel I've received exceptionally shoddy service.

Response — Lodging management apologizes for the poor customer service you received.

The front desk should have requested a memo with your signature authorizing the release of the documents to your student.

In addition, management is mailing your training records to your home address.

Marina goes above, beyond

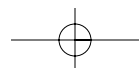
Comment — I wanted to give kudos to the folks out at the marina. We had reserved the facility for the Cub Scout Pack 214 Blue and Gold banquet, and the employees at the marina went above and beyond the call of duty in helping us set up. Because of their help, our banquet was a huge success. Thank you so much! Y'all are the best!

Response — Thank you for your comments. The entire outdoor recreation staff works hard to help everyone have enjoyable visits and outings week in and week out. I agree with you, the park is an excellent location for Scouting events and meetings. Please don't hesitate to call on us for all your future functions. We will be honored to help in any way we can.

I will personally relay your comments to the entire staff and congratulate them on a job well done.

Thanks again from all of us, and we hope to see you again soon.

**Mission First.
People Always.
America Forever.**



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Keep our children safe – end abuse

By Paula Tracy

81st Medical Operations Squadron

It can't be denied that child abuse is a sensitive topic.

I can't even guess the number of times I've been asked, "How do you do that type of work?" Well, it isn't for everybody, but for those of us in the family advocacy program, the goal is healthy, strong Air Force families in which all members are safe. While we're committed to this endeavor, we simply can't do it alone.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, so we challenge all Keesler personnel to contribute to the effort to keep our kids safe.

Prevent Child Abuse America recommends:

Understanding the problem, terms, and causes. Child abuse and neglect affects kids of all ages, races and incomes. It also takes many forms. The main types of maltreatment are physical and emotional neglect, and sexual, physical or emotional abuse. Emotional abuse can be very difficult to identify. Hard as it may be to believe, most parents don't hurt or neglect their children intentionally. Lack of knowledge or skill, too much stress, chemical abuse or having been abused or neglected themselves can all contribute.

Supporting programs that support families. Air Force people are well known for their volunteerism. Donate time, skills or money to programs and services that assist families at risk for child abuse or neglect. Never underestimate the positive impact of a few well-timed words of encouragement or advice from a seasoned, understanding parent who has "been there, done that."

Helping spread the word. Stop hiding your head in the sand! Child abuse does happen, but the more we educate and reach out to others in our community, the more likely we will accomplish our goal of healthy, safe Keesler families.

Strengthening the fabric of your community. Get to know your neighbors, and learn the names, and faces of their children. Make sure they know yours and try to become familiar enough that when a family is going through an adjustment like a birth, a loss or yet another move, you can offer some support. Caring for the older child of that new mom next door, even for just a couple of hours, can make a difference.

Be ready in an emergency. We have all witnessed the over-tired, over-stimulated, screaming child in line at the grocery store. And chances are, if you are a parent, that child might have been yours

— I confess at least once it was mine.

Most parents understand a child's limitations and take the screaming in stride. But what if you find yourself in a situation in which you believe that the child is being, or will be, verbally or physically abused?

Experts recommend talking to the adult to get the attention away from the child. Be friendly, not judgmental. Ask if you can help by playing with the children or by carrying packages. Even if the parent refuses your offer of assistance, the feeling of being supported and understood might remain.

If you're a parent, remember that prevention begins at home. This month, take a look at your own parenting style and be honest with yourself. Are you yelling too much, hitting your children or overwhelmed by the stress of parenting? Do you enjoy being a parent most of the time?

If you need some support, seek it. There are plenty of services available eager to help. If you have already raised your kids and are willing to give support and advice to younger parents, offer it.

For more information, call family advocacy, 377-7006.

Keesler Honor Guard

Brig. Gen. William Lord,
81st Training Wing commander,
is hosting a golf tournament
for Keesler's Honor Guard
and invites you to a day of fun in the sun
May 12 at Gulf Breeze Golf Course.

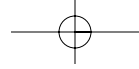
For more information, call Jim Taylor, 377-2081
or Master Sgt. Reginald Cobb, 1986.



Sign-up and warm-up: 10:30 a.m.
Shot Gun Start, noon.
\$35.00 per person
Includes lunch and
drawing for door prizes

Special package available
2 Mulligans and 2 throws, \$5.00





TRAINING AND EDUCATION



Miss Bocek



Mr. Caldwell



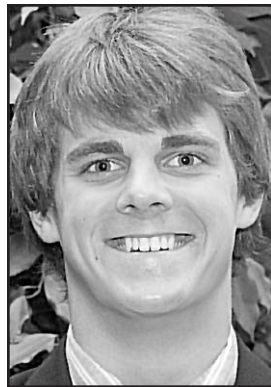
Miss Chereskin



Miss Harter



Mrs. Johnson



Mr. Lumpkin



Mr. Sarpy



Miss Taylor

8 earn spouses club scholarships

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Eight students received scholarships from the Keesler Officers Spouses Club at an April 13 dinner at the Keesler Club.

Christine Bocek, St. Martin High School, received the top scholarship provided by First Command Financial Planning. She's an assistant paralegal in the base legal office and plans to study law at the University of Mississippi. She has been a principal's list straight "A" scholar throughout high school and is committee chair for the "Soldiers Shoe Boxes" project. Her parents are Julianne Bocek, 81st Training Group, and retired Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Bocek.

Brent Caldwell, St. Martin High School, is senior class president, a National Merit scholarship semifinalist and an Eagle Scout. He plans to study pharmacology at the University of Mississippi. His parents are retired Col. Michael and Peggy Caldwell of Ocean Springs.

Sera Chereskin, Biloxi High School, is secretary of the student council, captain of the flag corps and a Fisher House volunteer. She plans to major in nursing at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her parents are Senior Master Sgt. Alan and Caglayan Chereskin, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

Kimberly Harter, Ocean Springs High School, is an all-American cheerleader, served as a class representative throughout high school and has made church mission trips to Mexico. She plans to major in communications at the University of Georgia, University of Alabama or

University of Mississippi. She's the daughter of Maj. Richard and Andrea Harter.

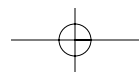
Sherri Johnson is a senior elementary education major at the University of Southern Mississippi. The mother of two is a member of Mississippi Professional Educators, volunteered at the thrift shop at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., and was a substitute teacher in New Jersey for four years. Her husband is Maj. George Johnson, 45th Airlift Squadron.

John Lumpkin, St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis, has been on the Beta honor roll throughout high school and served as committee chairman to debate a bill that was signed into law in Jackson this year. His parents are Navy Capt. R. Parker, Stennis Space Center, and Susan Lumpkin.

Steven Sarpy, Biloxi High School, belongs to the swim team and is an officer for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He received the Kodak Eastman Valued Student award and was a counselor-in-training at the youth activities center. He plans to major in political science at Millsaps College. His parents are Linda Sarpy, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, and retired Master Sgt. Leon Sarpy.

Tiffany Taylor, Harrison Central High School in Gulfport, is president of the Key Club, received an Outstanding Student of America Award and is a Head Start volunteer. She plans to study chemistry and education at the University of South Alabama. Her parents are retired Master Sgt. Sherman and Audray Taylor.

Keesler Thrift Shop proceeds and other projects funded the seven KOSC scholarships.



Defense unveils Internet-based training system

By **Gerry Gilmore**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Imagine a teacher who travels across cyberspace to students located around the world.

You’d be describing the Department of Defense’s new Internet-based training and information system called the Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability.

The state-of-the-art system personifies transformation and joint operations, said Maj. Gen. Jack Catton Jr. during a demonstration at the Pentagon. General Catton is the Joint Staff’s director of operational plans and joint force development.

The password-controlled system — which has

both classified and unclassified sites — will improve DOD’s joint warfighting capability, General Catton said, by providing “critical joint knowledge” to service members stationed stateside and overseas.

“There’s power,” he said, “when you have joint knowledge available when and where the joint warfighter has the time and the need to grab it.”

The system was fashioned from a merger of separate distance-learning capabilities held among the armed services, including the Coast Guard, and several government agencies, General Catton said.

Civilian experts from industry and academia also lent a hand creating the system.

Joint anti-terror operations and joint senior non-commissioned officers’ training are among the several instruction modules that can be accessed by eli-

gible users before they’re sent on overseas assignments, said David Evans, the program director.

This capability, Mr. Evans said, can be used to reduce the need to send instructors overseas to train troops.

Shared information available on the system also assists DOD to focus on “total joint operations,” said Paul Mayberry, deputy undersecretary of defense for readiness. “What is developed in one service can be used in another service.”

He said the system will eventually be configured for combatant commanders’ use.

The system represents “a tremendous tool,” Mr. Mayberry said, that can “reach out” to provide training and information to troops from all service branches serving worldwide.



Mr. Crowell ends 34-year career

By Henry McNeal

333rd Training Squadron

James Crowell, chief of the 333rd Training Squadron's training support flight, retires May 1 after more than 34 years of federal service.

Mr. Crowell leads a team of eight training managers, a resource advisor, a budget analyst, one supply specialist and one administrative specialist.

Mr. Crowell began his federal career in 1971 after graduating from Mississippi Industrial College in Holly Springs with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a minor in science.

After working as an instructor in the basic electronics and the ground radio communications specialist courses, he was temporarily detailed as a resource advisor in 1978. He returned to the basic electronics course as an instructor and was later promoted to instructor supervisor.

In 1986, Mr. Crowell became a training specialist in the ground radio communications flight until 1989, when he was promoted to training manager in



Mr. Crowell

the avionics communications plans shop.

In 1993, he was named standardization evaluation chief of the 81st Training Group. He assumed his current position in 1997.

Mr. Crowell is president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Biloxi Branch and a board member for the Ohr-O'Keefe Arts and Cultural Center and Destiny and Educational Videos, Inc.

He's social action director for local chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity as well as a deacon and Sunday school superintendent at the First Missionary Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Mr. Crowell served as chairman of the Biloxi Election Commission, a member Biloxi Planning Commission, board member for Coastal Family Health Center and Moore Community House, and mentor for the Biloxi School District.

He received a letter of commendation in 1978, outstanding performance rating in 1980, quality step increase in 1982 and more than 15 sustained superior performance awards in the past two decades.

Mr. Crowell received the Air Force Association's Spirit of Keesler award in 2000 and was Air Education and Training Command's nominee for the NAACP Roy Wilkins Award.

He and his wife, Eula, have three sons, James IV, Anthony and Kevin.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Homosexual awareness

Homosexual awareness training is scheduled for 9 a.m. every other month in the Sablich Center auditorium.

The dates: today, June 23, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15.

Career Blazer visit

A Career Blazer Learning Center admissions representative will be in the first floor main hallway of Sablich Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

The center offers distant learning courses that offer nationally accredited certificates of completion and college credits. Courses are approved for tuition assistance.

For more information, call Stan Pace, 850-529-0469.

Education office closed

The education office closes at noon Tuesday due to the Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony.

For more information, call 377-2323.

CCAF graduation

The spring Community College of the Air Force graduation is 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Keesler Community Center.

Graduates should arrive by 2:30 p.m. in service dress.

Chief Master Sgt. Aliquippa Allen, 81st Training Wing command chief, is the speaker. Diplomas are presented by Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st TRW commander.

A reception follows the ceremony.

For more information, call 377-2323 or 2171.

Summer school

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler Center offers a summer term May 31-August 12.

Pre-registration for currently enrolled students is available on the website beginning May 2. Registration by appointment in Room 221, Sablich Center, begins May 16 for active-duty military.

Students who will take English composition I, oral communication or a mathematics class for the first time must have an assessment of skills.

For more information, call 377-2287.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alternate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Student parades are 7 p.m. May 5, July 28 and Nov. 17. The September parade date hasn't been scheduled.

Drill downs are 7 a.m. June 3, Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789. For information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Medic chosen for Tops in Blue

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public affairs

"A dream come true" is how Airman 1st Class Brook Hoffman describes her selection as a member of the Air Force's "Tops in Blue" entertainment troupe.

The 21-year-old medical technician is from the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron labor and delivery unit.

April 11, she began a year with 35 of the Air Force's top amateur performers with 45 days of intense training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Right now, the team is working on their routines as well as learning how to set up and break down the stage and associated equipment.

"I've been told there will be 16-18 hours of singing and dancing each day," Airman Hoffman explained. "It's said to be very grueling. But it's definitely worth it when you get on stage and see the smiles of the people."

"At the audition (the worldwide talent competition, March 6-14 at Lackland), I performed vocal pieces as my main talent," the Glenwood, Minn., native explained. "I also played a classical piece on an electric violin. I was asked if I could play 'fiddle' music (the director is a coun-



Airman Hoffman

try music fan). I can read the music, but it would take time to learn to play it. I'll have to see what works out. It will be interesting."

"I have a real passion for music," said the airman, who's been singing since she was 5 or 6 years old. "My mom would kind of put me in everything when I was young."

She sang with the church choir, performed for community events, was a soloist as a high school senior and sang the National Anthem for the 81st Medical Group's November promotion ceremony.

A violinist since age 10, she has performed in community orchestras.

"It's a dream come true just being on stage," she said. "Giving back to the troops is an awesome opportunity."

The team has no breaks during the year. They pack up after each performance and have a travel day between shows.

"They won't let us see the inside of the bus yet," she said, "but they say it's amazing."

Airman Hoffman said the last performance of the 2004-05 tour is in May, with the 2005-06 Tops in Blue troupe possibly starting their worldwide tour the end of May.

She said there are more than 150 shows, including three months in Europe. They'll be in South Korea over the Christmas holiday.

"It's definitely good for the troops, especially around the holidays," the airman added. "That's when they need it the most."

Keesler is the first assignment for Airman Hoffman, who's been in the Air Force for two years.

She attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis studying biology, intending to enter medical school. After her Tops in Blue tour, she hopes to start school again. If that isn't possible, "I'll separate from the service and return to school fulltime," she commented.

Best in Defense Department Civil engineers claim restoration award

By Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

The 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's environmental flight won the Secretary of Defense's top honor for their 2004 accomplishments after winning the Gen. Thomas White restoration award at both command and Air Force levels.

The flight closed final corrective actions for four high-risk sites, surpassing the high-risk goal by three years. They're 10 years ahead of schedule for meeting the medium-risk goal and 15 years ahead of schedule for meeting the low-risk remediation goal.

The flight also earned positive ratings from the Environmental Protection Agency's resource conservation recovery act corrective action environmental indicators reflecting a quality environment program.

The flight took innovative actions to limit contamination expansion and to speed up final remedial action by revitalizing an unused 10-acre landfill with a closed fire training pit, placing a portion of the base golf course above a restored landfill and completing a \$7.4 million final corrective action on Landfill 2 addressing contaminated groundwater and sediments.

IN THE NEWS

Online telephone directory

Keesler telephone directories are available online at the Keesler restricted Web site, <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil>.

Click on "phone directory" to bring up a quick reference. For an organizational listing, click on "listing" then "organizational."

For more information, call public affairs, 377-2783.

Final tally for AFAF

Keesler's final total for the 2005 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign is \$67,459.56.

Retiree Appreciation Day May 13

Keesler's annual Retiree Appreciation Day is May 13.

The event includes breakfast with trainees, health and information booths, speakers, front-of-the-line service at various base offices, a barbecue, free boat rides and sales at the base exchange and commissary.

For more information, call the retiree activities office, 377-3871.

No colorful bracelets in uniform

The popular rubber wristbands in various colors worn to support a variety of causes aren't authorized to be worn while in uniform.

"The bracelets don't meet the conservative criteria outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel," said Master Sgt. Stephanie Sanders-Kuhlmann, Air Force Personnel Center.

Academy 'best value college'

Air Force Print News

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Air Force Academy is one of the nation's 81 "best value" undergraduate institutions, according to the 2006 edition of Princeton Reports America's Best Value Colleges.

Guardsmen face drug charges

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Capt. Franklin Rodriguez, C-5 Galaxy pilot, and Master Sgt. John Fong, C-5 loadmaster, from the New York Air National Guard's 105th Airlift Wing have been charged with importing narcotics from Germany to the United States.

They had 28 large bags officials believed to contain about 290,000 Ecstasy pills in their luggage upon return from an overseas mission April 12.

If convicted, they face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine on each count.

Medical center pediatric care

Keesler Medical Center is migrating about 370 patients up to age 17 currently enrolled in family practice to pediatrics, and enrolling future beneficiaries up to 17 years of age directly in pediatrics.

Patients ages 13-17 are enrolled to the adolescent specialty clinic on the fifth floor of the medical center.

Active-duty sponsors or their spouses may request their children continue to be seen in family practice. Requests to "opt out" of the migration can be made at the family practice reception desk or by e-mailing joseph.hale@keesler.af.mil through April 30.

Wingman,

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fishing tournaments. Additional activities and specials will be available at 81st Services Division facilities, including meal discounts and specials.

AETC initiated Wingman Day last fall in light of increased suicide and accidental death rates across the Air Force.

Train-the-trainer sessions are 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. May 3 at Welch Auditorium to give guidance to squadron trainers for planning Wingman Day activities. A briefing for senior wing leadership is 8 a.m.

May 11 at the Keesler Community Center.

The customer service section of the military personnel flight in Sablich Center is closed to allow the staff to participate in Wingman Day events.

Limited service is available at Keesler Medical Center May 11 so staffs can participate in Wingman Day programs. Clinics will have minimal manning for urgent issues, and only acute care will be available throughout the day. Emergency medical care will be available.

Civilians are encouraged to participate in the event.

For more information, visit the command chief's Web site, <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/chiefscorner/index.cfm>.

Airmen violate AFIM standards

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are taking a hard look at the misuse of the Air Force Instant Messenger service on Air Force Portal.

Airmen were found violating standards of conduct prompting officials to clarify responsible communication over the service.

"Air Force Portal users took offense to the inappropriate comments made by 11 individuals and reported the misuse to local helping agencies," said Maj. Anthony Sansano, Air Force military equal opportunity chief. "It's a readiness issue. Unprofessional communication is contrary to good order and discipline and counterproductive to mission accomplishment."

Of the 11 Airmen reported, six have received some form of administrative or disciplinary actions. One Airman received a letter of reprimand, an unfavorable information file and was removed from command on the basis of inappropriate dialogue in a chat room. Five Airmen received actions ranged from a verbal counseling to letters of reprimand, and five others are still pending actions.

The growth of the instant messenger in civilian society has developed an "anything goes" culture where people may say and do things they would not do in person, said Maj. David Gind-

hart, Air Staff lead for the Air Force Portal.

"As with telephone calls or e-mail, the instant messaging and public and private chat rooms are subject to limitations and monitoring at all times," Major Gindhart said.

Also, users have a few ways to monitor and correct misuse on the messenger.

"Airmen are encouraged to deal with issues at the lowest possible level which can be as simple as (instant messaging) the individual and telling them to stop," Major Gindhart said. "Users also have the option of clicking the 'report misuse' button, which prompts them to identify the offending (individuals) and the type of inappropriate use. The report and the chat room transcript will be routed to the alleged offender's commander for action."

In addition, while the instant messenger supports informal dialogue, the Air Force military rank structure establishes expectations for responsibility and accountability.

Two Air Force instructions govern appropriate or inappropriate use of government information systems.

Air Force Instruction 33-129, Web Management and Internet Use, covers the use of Internet resources by government employees. Military Equal Opportunity, AFI 36-2706, describes the limits of professional communication.

Shots,

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This effort includes more screening of reservists and guardsmen, checking their immunizations records each fall when they receive their flu shots to ensure they are current. Reserve-component troops generally require more shots than their active-component counterparts when preparing for deployments, Colonel Grabenstein said.

When entering the military, all service members receive a basic list of immunizations: meningococcal; tetanus and diphtheria; measles, mumps and rubella; and poliovirus. Other vaccines are frequently prescribed for travel to specific international locations or for certain occupations, Colonel Grabenstein said.

Other vaccines protect against bioweapons such as anthrax and smallpox. DOD officials put the anthrax vaccination program on hold in 2004 pending legal challenges, but

supports findings the vaccine is safe and effective.

Mandatory immunizations for servicemembers protect the fighting force and keep it fighting, much as body armor does, Colonel Grabenstein said.

Since the first vaccine, against smallpox, was introduced in the late 1700s, no other medical technology has surpassed immunization in protecting people against diseases, the colonel said.

"It's the biggest success story in all of medicine," he said.

PERSONNEL NOTES

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Iraq, Afghanistan campaign medals

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Two new campaign medals announced April 7 recognize service members for their contributions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Defense Department officials announced the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal for service members who directly supported Operation Enduring Freedom between Oct. 24, 2001, and a date to be determined in the future or Operation Iraqi Freedom between March 19, 2003, and some future date.

The new campaign medals were established by presidential order for service members who have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in these areas, officials said.

Until now, service members deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq during the designated timeframes were awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Service members with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal remain qualified for it and may apply for the appropriate new campaign medal as well.

Service members may receive both of the new campaign medals if they meet the requirement for both awards.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

Officer promotion orders

Effective immediately, Air Force Personnel Center no longer transmits officer promotion orders to military personnel flights for distribution to officers due to the "Quick Win" initiative to reduce MPF workloads.

Officer promotion orders are distributed prior to the effective date of promotion, therefore the new policy doesn't affect receipt of promotion orders or the ceremony. For more information, call 377-3895, or email lashawndra.singleton@keesler.af.mil.

WAPS study list available

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The current weighted airman promotion system catalog, which lists the materials used by test writers to develop the 2005 promotion tests, is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>.

The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

Test dates for staff sergeant are May 1-31.

Keesler Contact Center

The Keesler Contact Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. work days in the customer service office, Room 125, Sablich Center.

Computers and phones telephones provide a direct link to the Air Force Contact Center at the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, for inquiries about identification cards, TRICARE, family care, leave, career enhancement, employment, training, relocations, special programs, retirement and separation.

The AFCC Web site is <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

The AFCC can also be contacted 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays by calling DSN 665-5000, 1-210-565-5000 or 1-866-229-7074, e-mailing contact.center@randolph.af.mil, fax DSN 665-1239 or 1-210-565-1239, or mail to HQ AFPC/DPSFC, 550 C St. West, Suite 37, Randolph AFB, TX 78150.



MILITARY JUSTICE

2 court-martialed in March

Legal office

Two Airmen were court-martialed during March.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Moore, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, pleaded guilty to charges of larceny and conspiring with another noncommissioned officer to steal two plasma display monitors and two speaker systems valued at \$8,670.

He was reduced to the rank of staff sergeant, forfeits \$750

pay per month for 12 months and performs hard labor without confinement for three months.

Airman 1st Class Clint Jones, 335th Training Squadron, pleaded guilty to attempting to use cocaine on more than one occasion. He was sentenced to a reduction in rank to airman basic, forfeits \$823 pay per month for two months and confinement for two months.

5 Airmen get Articles 15

Legal office

During March, five Airmen received Articles 15 for alcohol-related violations.

Three were students from the 338th Training Squadron, one was a student from the 332nd TRS and one was assigned to the 81st Medical Support Squadron.

An airman first class visited a local motel without the proper advance approval required by Air Education and Training Command Instruction 32-2216. He was one of several airmen to use the motel room for the consumption of alcohol. His commander gave him a reprimand and reduced him to the rank of airman, but suspended the reduction through Sept. 13, when it will be remitted without further action unless the suspension has been vacated.

An airman who violated the

same instruction was reduced to the rank of airman basic.

An airman first class was punished for adultery and two instances of indecent acts with another that occurred while the airman, the victim and some other airmen were traveling around the local area and consuming alcohol. His commander reduced him to the rank of airman basic.

An airman first class was reduced to the rank of airman and given 30 days of correctional custody for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An airman first class was ordered to forfeit \$692 pay per month for two months and reduced his rank to airman for underage drinking, but the reduction in rank was suspended through Sept. 22, when it will be remitted without further action unless the suspension has been vacated.



Miss Barker



Miss Stone

2 Keesler teens earn Youth of the Year recognition for 2004

By Earlene Smith

81st Services Division

Two Keesler teens were honored at the recent Youth of the Year celebration held at the Keesler Community Center.

Youth of the Year for 2004 are Diana Barker, 15, and Marina Stone, 16.

Diana's parents are Dorothea Barker, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, and Alphonso Barker.

Marina is the daughter of Troie Stone and granddaughter of retiree John Stone.

"Both of these young ladies have exhibited phenomenal service before self for the Keesler community and the local civilian population," said Jeri Peterson, youth programs director.

As co-leaders of TRAIL — Training Adolescents in Leadership — both girls have been involved in a variety of community activities.

They raised more than \$600 for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in the the past two years and plan to raise more money this year through personal efforts and organizing TRAIL fundraisers.

Diana and Marina participated in last spring's Gulf Coast Cleanup and collected dog food and supplies for the Humane Society of South

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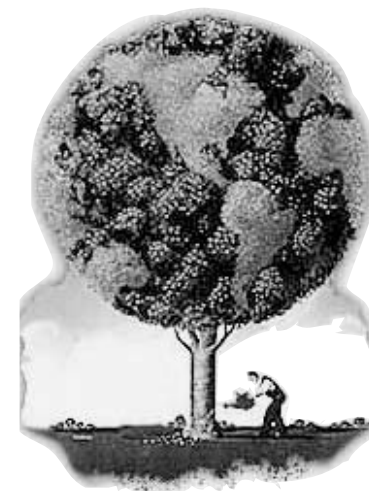
— Ms. Peterson

Mississippi through the Paws for Cause program.

They were volunteers at last year's Joe Diffie concert at Keesler, and manned game booths at the base's Child Pride Day.

Diana, a student at D'Iberville High School, represented Keesler at this spring's Mississippi State Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Program.

Marina, who attends Biloxi High School, represents Keesler at the Air Force Youth of the Year awards program, June 21-24 in Washington, D.C.



Earth-Arbor events today

Today's Earth-Arbor Day events include:

5-kilometer fun run — 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Linda Marinovich, 377-8380.

Tree planting — 9:30 a.m., child development center. For information, call George Daniel, 377-5823.

Household hazardous waste turn-in — for more information, call Paul Pearl, 377-3004.

Public awareness materials are available for the first annual Water Quality Monitoring Day, which details Keesler's storm water initiatives and opportunities for individual participation. For more information, call James Morrison, 377-5800.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Sergeant Anthony stores knives in the kitchen of the newly-renovated Airman's Attic April 6. Its grand opening is May 2.

Airman's Attic finds new home in Bay Ridge housing area

By Staff Sgt. Carlos Diaz

Keesler Public Affairs

The Airman's Attic is relocating from the Locker House to 800 and 802 Rodenberg in the Bay Ridge housing area.

"The driving force for the relocation of the Airmen's Attic is based on the need for additional space that'll give better quality of service," said Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 81st Medical Group and Keesler Top III member.

According to Sergeant Anthony, Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Aliquippa Allen, 81st TRW command chief, will conduct a grand opening ceremony 2 p.m. May 2.

Chief Allen presented the relocation idea to the Keesler Top III Association, Sergeant Anthony said.

The Top III took the lead in relocating the Airman's Attic as a way to improve the quality of life for Keesler Airmen, Sergeant Anthony explained.

The Airman's Attic helps out junior-ranking members,

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— Sergeant Anthony

mostly airmen basic through senior airmen, by giving them donated household items and goods.

Sergeant Anthony indicated that anyone can donate to the Airman's Attic.

"Hundreds of personnel including active duty, civilian and contractors who have household items in excellent or good condition can donate," Sergeant Anthony said.

The greatest needs are large appliances and furniture items, lamps, kitchen and cookware utensils, infant and

toddler clothing, beddings and linens and framed wall hangings, according to Sergeant Anthony.

"We began accepting donations at the new location during the 3-6 p.m. hours of operation since Friday," Sergeant Anthony said.

For more information on hours of operation and donation drop-off times, call Sergeant Anthony, 377-5752; or Senior Master Sgts. Ben Allen, 377-7368 and Ellis Martin, 377-2648.



Keesler celebrates military kids

Keesler's Month of the Military Child continues today with the annual family fun day, 9 a.m. to noon at the child development center.

Parents and guests enjoy games, arts activities and lunch with children

Monday-May 1 — TV Turn-Off Week, a coordinated effort with schools, libraries and community groups to encourage families to turn off their television sets and turn on life.

"We're asking parents and children alike to take a break from television and do alternate activities together like reading, participating in indoor and outdoor games, working in the yard, going fishing, taking walks, exercising, or just picking up a new sport," said Ann Smith, family member programs flight chief.

"Turning off the television can be fun and relaxing," she added. "It promotes a healthier life style, and is a great way for families to bond and spend time together."

Parents are encouraged to fill out participation pledge cards and drop them in the appropriate boxes at family day care, the youth activities center and child development center for prize drawings.

Tuesday through April 28 — teddy bear portraits, child development center. Professional photographer takes children's photos for purchase by parents.

For more information on specific events, call family child care, 377-3189; youth activities center, 377-4116; or child development center, 377-2211.



2nd Air Force commander



81st Training Wing commander



81st Training Group commander



403rd Wing commander

Don't panic – just do what's right

Complete guide to saluting staff cars



Photos by Kemberly Groue

By Capt. Dona Byron

81st Training Wing Protocol Chief

"Don't panic — just do what's right" is all leadership asks regarding customs and courtesies — especially rendering military salutes.

Knowing the rules and knowing when to apply the rules should help navigate the fog that sometimes surrounds proper customs and courtesies.

What is military courtesy?

It's simply an application of everyday courtesy and common sense.

Civilians raise their hats to say "Hi", whereas the military renders the military salute.

Recalling from professional military education, the salute stems from a long-standing military tradition originating in medieval times when knights would raise their visors to reveal their identities and to show that they weren't carrying a weapon.

Today, the salute is a form of respect and not something to be taken lightly.

Air Force Manual 36-2203 provides guidelines for saluting, which isn't hard, but can sometimes be confusing.

On the sidewalk

Salutes are exchanged upon recognition between officers and enlisted members when they are in uniform.

The junior member always initiates the salute, and holds the salute until the senior member drops the salute. If the junior member has both hands full, they simply extend a verbal greeting.

If the senior member has both hands full, the junior member still renders the salute and holds it until the officer acknowledges the salute or passes the member.

Rules of the road

The rules change slightly when discussing proper salute etiquette in reference to staff vehicles. Military pedestrians in uniform must salute officers in staff vehicles. The vehicle may be a car, sport utility vehicle, van or bus. The distinguished visitor surney bus only needs to be saluted when it has a general or colonel rank plate on the front. If it's missing the front plate, then there's no need to salute.

Every rule has exceptions, and the same holds true with saluting vehicles.

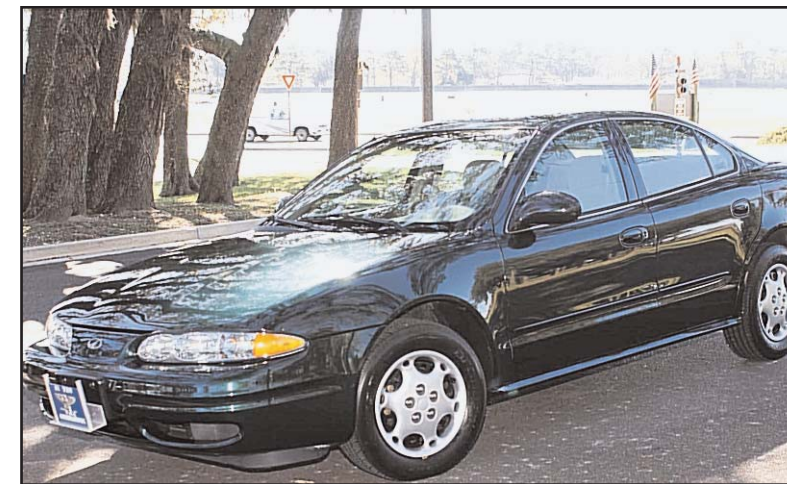
"When in doubt, whip it out," is a phrase that's often used about rendering the hand salute, but it's not always the correct answer. If you're driving in your car and you notice a staff vehicle, you don't have to, nor should you, salute the vehicle. Keep your mind on your driving, keep your hands on the wheel and keep your eyes on the road. Your focus on safety won't disrespect senior leaders.

Just remember, the salute is a courtesy, but it's also a simple way to say hello to our senior leaders. It shows our appreciation and respect for the tasks they perform as our leaders. So don't panic about it — just do it!

For more information about customs and courtesies, call the 81st Training Wing Protocol Office, 377-3359.



81st Medical Group commander



81st Training Wing vice commander



81st Mission Support Group commander



Distinguished visitor surney bus

Military spouse reclaims her life after sexual assault

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Tricia Van Prooyen is an Air Force spouse, a mom, a college student ... and a rape survivor.

Sharing such a personal story isn't easy, but it's a valuable part of the healing process for the 33-year-old wife of Staff Sgt. Tim Van Prooyen, 81st Training Support Squadron.

"I haven't been through all this hell for nothing," Tricia emphasized. "If my story can help one person, it's worth telling."

Awakened at gunpoint

Almost seven years ago, the family was living near Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Tricia was awakened at home by an intruder who held a gun to her head. He threatened to kill her two little boys if she screamed. He forced her into the kitchen where he raped her on the floor.

Afterwards, he walked through the house with her and took all of the phones so she couldn't call for help, and told her not to move out of the kitchen when he left. Tricia didn't have her cordless phone, but used the keypad and speakerphone to call her best friend, who called 911. She was afraid to stay on the phone in case her attacker returned.

Police on the scene

Tim came home from his night job to find police cars everywhere. The house was now a crime scene, and he wasn't allowed to be with his wife while the detectives finished their interviews.

Tricia was taken to the hospital where a medical examination was done and a rape kit of physical evidence was assembled, while Tim sat with their preacher in the waiting room.

"The rape crisis center person wasn't very friendly and didn't make things any easier for me," she recalled.

"They're supposed to bring you a change of clothes when they come to the hospital, but



Tricia Van Prooyen

she didn't. Later, I called the center for help, but they didn't return my call."

Tricia had to go down to the police department for more questioning.

"I felt like they were trying to confuse me and poke holes in my story to make sure I was telling the truth," she remembered. "They took my picture — they take the criminal's picture on TV."

Can't go home again

Tricia refused to return to their house, so members of their church got them a motel room and stayed with her while Tim took care of other arrangements. They applied for base housing and were assigned a house the same day. Church members packed up their belongings for the move.

"For me, there was an overwhelming flow of thoughts and emotions," said Tim, who's been in the Air Force and married to Tricia for 12 years. "I felt anger and rage at the perpetrator, thankful because she and the boys could've been killed. I felt guilty because I wasn't there to protect her. I wasn't sure how she'd react, how I'd react."

"There really aren't many resources for husbands of sexual assault victims," Tim pointed out. "But we had to press on with life. We had to take care of our family, do our jobs and try to keep everything from falling apart."

Candlelight ceremony shows support for victims

Tricia Van Prooyen came up with the idea for the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence's candlelight vigil, 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Biloxi Town Green on U.S. Highway 90.

She became involved with similar ceremonies while living in California and speaks at this event.

Those attending are asked to light a candle to show their support for sexual assault victims.

For more information, call 436-3809.

The man who raped Tricia was convicted of several crimes and received a life sentence with a chance of parole after 10 years. Even though he was incarcerated, the nightmare wasn't over for Tricia or her family.

"Even though we were in a different house, I wanted to start my life all over again," explained Tricia, who directed a day care facility before she was attacked.

Bound for California

In 1999, the family was granted a humanitarian move to Vandenberg AFB, Calif., so Tricia would be closer to her mom, but as hard as the family tried to regroup, things began to spiral downward as her pain from the rape turned inward.

"I didn't want to eat, be with my husband or kids or make friends," she admitted. "The people I worked with at the day care facility made me call the rape crisis center, and it's the best call I ever made. It restored my faith that there were people out there who wanted to help me."

"They say that everyone has an angel — my angel's

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Volunteer — get connected.

A-76

Questions focus on reduction in force

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The civilian personnel office has answered some of the questions from the April 4 A-76 town hall meeting.

Since we'll be having a reduction in force, can use-or-lose leave be carried over into next year or must it be used to avoid forfeit?

There are no special RIF provisions to extend or restore annual leave that was forfeited because it was in excess of the maximum amount permitted for carryover into the next leave year.

Any leave to the employee's credit at the end of the leave year that exceeds the maximum accumulation, normally 240 hours, is either forfeited or restored according to AFI 36-815, paragraph 2.10.

Forfeited annual leave may be restored because of an administrative error, exigency of the public business or the employee's sickness. An expected RIF isn't a reason to carry over or restore excess annual leave.

Will the results of the mock RIF be published so we'll know if we'll be reassigned?

The mock RIF results won't be published, but Keesler employees will be informed of the overall results and implementation plan through the A-76 town hall meetings.

The primary purpose of the mock RIF is to identify employees who may be separated in July 2006. The civilian personnel office will contact these employees individually to provide counseling and assistance with priority placement registration.

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name is Alison," Tricia said of the counselor who worked with her and remains a strong supporter. "She stood by me, cared about me and was a tremendous influence in my life. If I had a nightmare in the middle of the night, I could call her. If I couldn't reach her, there were other people there who knew what I was going through and were always ready to help me."

Tricia, who had also been sexually abused as a child, began 12 weeks of group counseling and shared stories with other women who had been assaulted. It helped, but the burden finally became too much to bear.

"I broke — I just couldn't take it," she said. "I didn't want to pretend that things were OK any more."

Her weight dropped to 78 pounds on her 5-foot 2-inch frame, so her family physician at Vandenberg, Maj. Claire Shervanick, arranged for her to enter a treatment program at the University of Iowa.

"Dr. Shervanick was incredibly compassionate," Tricia commented. "She moved military insurance faster than I've ever seen it move before."

The treatment team, which included a doctor, nutritionist, therapist and counselor, worked together to save her,

and she bonded closely with the other patients in the program. After seven weeks, she was ready to return home to continue her return to health.

"It was very hard to leave California," said Tricia of the family's move to Keesler two years ago. "I knew I had to finish the work I had started and keep my recovery moving forward."

When she arrived in Biloxi, she got in touch with the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence to continue counseling and to get involved in its community programs.

Tim continues to support his wife, but has learned some difficult lessons along the way.

"A situation like this forces patience and understanding more than usual in a marriage — without it, there's no possible way to make it through," he stressed. "I had to learn that I can't fix everything — I can never fix what happened to Tricia, and that's hard to accept. Life might never be 'normal' again. Sometimes she just wants me to listen without trying to offer some way to fix it — just to be a sounding board — and that's not easy for me."

"All I can do is be there — what kind of man would I be if I couldn't be there for her?" he asked. "Too many people today give up on marriage when the going gets tough. Our society has made it seem like the easy alternative, but divorce isn't an option for us

— we pledged our lives for better or for worse. Our love and our shared faith and core beliefs have given us a lot of strength."

Tricia's experience has changed the course of her academic pursuits as well. Previously a business major, she'll receive her bachelor's degree in psychology next month from the University of Southern Mississippi and plans to pursue a master's degree in counseling through Capella University.

"I've been able to experience both sides of sexual abuse — as a victim and as an advocate," Tricia explained. "I've been able to do some really neat work, and I have a real heart for people. I want to help women learn that there's life after sexual trauma."

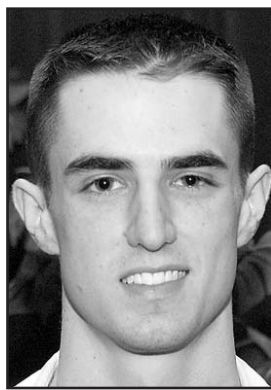
"I can't erase what I've lost — I can't get the time back," she continued. "But some good things have happened. The love that Tim and I feel for each other has grown stronger. I know who I am now, I'm stronger and I express my feelings more openly. My other resources have made up for the loss. I feel that every positive step I make in my recovery is a thank-you to the people who've helped me."

For assistance, call the chapel, 377-4859; family advocacy, 377-7006; or the Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence, 435-1968 or 800-800-1396.

Texas Hold 'Em: Round 2



Mr. Clark



Airman Anderson



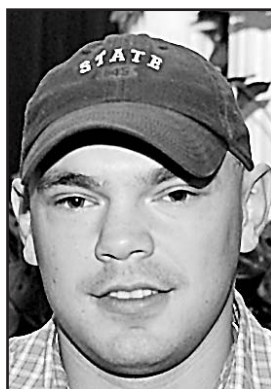
Sergeant Anderson



Airman Morales



Sergeant Meyers



Sergeant Vierling



Sergeant Kissam



Colonel Stanley

**By Airman 1st Class
Sarah Stegman**

Keesler News staff

The second round of Texas Hold 'Em was Friday at the Keesler Community Center.

More than 140 people participated in the event, exceeding the initial round.

This week's top eight players are Jeffery Clark, civilian; Airman 1st Class Brett Anderson, 81st Medical Support Squadron; Staff Sgt. Wesley Anderson, 336th Training Squadron; Airman Esmeralda Morales, 81st MDSS; Staff Sgts. Scott Meyers, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron; David Vierling, 336th TRS, and Christopher Kissam, 81st Training Wing; and Lt. Col. Greg Stanley, 81st Training Group.

The winners move on the final round May 19, to play for their chance at the grand prize — a seven-night, eight-day Armed Forces Vacation Club trip and a \$100 gas card.

The next event is scheduled for May 29, with practice rounds beginning at 6 p.m. and regulation play at 7.

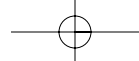
The cost is \$4 for club members and \$7 for nonmembers.

To register early, call 377-8313.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Master Sgt. Trent Woodruff, left, deals cards while Airman Tyler Berndt, 332nd TRS, and Pfc. Sam Harbeson, Pascagoula Naval Station, contemplate their next move.



KEESLER NOTES

Airman's Attic

The new Airman's Attic, located at 800/802 Rodenberg Avenue in Bay Ridge housing is now accepting items.

Approved items include furniture, appliances, area rugs and carpets, cutlery, dishware, maternity clothing and infant clothing. All items must be clean and serviceable, ready for immediate use.

Airmen basic through senior are authorized to use the attic. Staff and technical sergeants can use items from the attic with an approval letter from their first sergeant.

The attic is open 3-6 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, call 257-9586. If donating large items, call 229-0562.

Texas Hold 'Em

The next round of Texas Hold 'Em is 7 p.m. April 28 at the Keesler Community Center.

Practice round begins at 6 p.m.

The top eight players from each round secure their spot in the championship round May 19. The grand prize is a seven-night, eight-day Armed Forces Vacation Club trip and a \$100 gas card.

To register, call 377-8313, or e-mail keeslerpoker@mail.com.

Plants for sale

The commissary plant sale is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 29-30.

Auction

The Keesler Officers Spouses Club and the 81st Medical Center Officers Spouses Club plan a social and auction, April 29 at the Keesler Club.

The silent auction begins at 6 p.m., followed by the open auction at 7:30.

Deadline for pledges or auction donations is Saturday. For more information, call Angie Cook, 374-7111 or e-mail bostoncooks@hotmail.com.

For information or tickets, call Rocio Nadolski, 374-1399 or e-mail KOSpousesClub@hotmail.com.

Operation Hero

Operation Hero is 9 a.m. to noon April 30 at the deployment facility.

Children ages 5 and up of Keesler active-duty and civilians are invited to learn about what parents do while deployed.

Each child receives a personalized photo identification badge, Operation Hero dog tags, a "certificate of survival" and a bag of giveaways.

Children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult or designated caregiver.

Lunch is provided. Space is limited.

To enroll your child, call the family support center, 377-2179.

Penny rush

The Rising VI is ready to kick off its second annual Penny Rush to benefit Fisher House.

Last year, with the assistance of the Air Force

Sergeants Association Chapter 652, \$8,000 was collected.

Volunteers are needed to collect donations. The drive ends the first week of June.

For more information, call Senior Airman Nathan Peterson, 377-2256.

New MPF hours

New duty hours for relocations, retirements and separations at the military personnel flight:

Appointments only — 8 a.m. to noon Mondays-working Fridays.

Walk-ins — noon to 4 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Bailey, 377-2244.

Switchboard service

The 81st Communications Squadron evaluates the quality of service provided by the base telephone switchboard.

Complaints or comments about the switchboard should be based on operator response time, type of assistance, courtesy, accuracy and speed.

Customer complaint records are available by e-mailing thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil or calling 377-4778.

Customer service

The customer service section of the military personnel flight is closed May 11 for Wingman Day-Safety Day.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Melvin Edwards, 377-3202.

Cancer registrars meet at Keesler

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler hosts the 2005 Mississippi Cancer Registrars Association annual education seminar and meeting today and Friday at the Keesler Club.

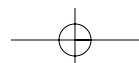
This year's theme is "Cancer Registrars — Troops for Life in the War on Cancer." Brig. Gen. (Dr.) David G. Young III, 81st Medical Group commander, provides welcoming remarks.

Among the goals of this year's session are identifying and clarifying Mississippi Central Registry data requirements; affording state-of-the-art knowledge about management of cancer, cancer staging, radia-

tion therapy and chemotherapy; and offering clearer understanding of blood diseases and blood disorders.

Cancer registrars are professionals responsible for the collection and management of accurate and timely cancer patient information as part of the war on cancer. They serve as the primary link between patients and researchers and health professionals who need access to quality cancer data in order to provide for a healthier tomorrow.

Quality cancer data is central to the nation's cancer prevention and treatment efforts, according to the National Cancer Registrars Association.



SPORTS AND RECREATION

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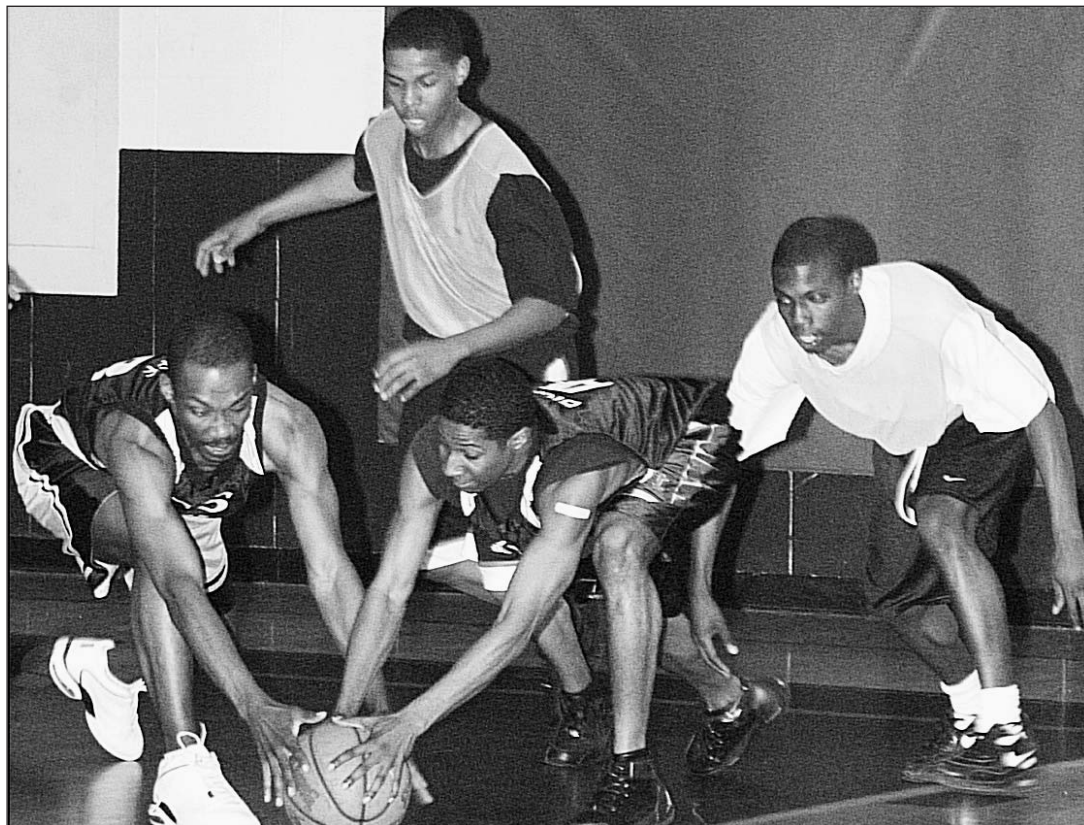


Photo by Kemberly Groue

Wayne Griffith, far left, and Marcus Anderson, right center, both from the 81st Communications Squadron, secure a loose ball as Marcus Pierce, left center, and Tim Madison, far right, both from the 81st Medical Operation Squadron-B, look on in intramural tournament action April 13 at the Blake Fitness Center. The 81st CS took the game, 55-45, to stay alive in the double-elimination tournament. The 81st MDOS-B team was eliminated. For a complete list of playoff results, see Scores and More, Page 23.

Keesler player takes step toward pros

By Senior Airman

Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

A member of the Keesler varsity basketball team has been invited to try out with a local minor league basketball team.

Kenneth Dukes, an information manager with the 333rd Training Squadron, will try to earn a spot with the Gulf Coast Bandits, of the World Basketball Association.

The WBA is a minor league, or semi professional, organization that develops, teaches and exposes basketball players to the National Basketball Association, the National Basketball Development League, and Continental

Basketball Association.

The league is in its second year and has already sent players to the NBA.

Dukes says that though he would love to play pro ball one day, he has other things to take care of first.

"I want to finish my education, first and foremost," he said. "After that, we'll see what happens."

Dukes was a member of the Keesler varsity basketball team and was named most valuable player of the Air Education and Training Command tournament during this past year.

He says his experience at Keesler has helped him.

"I've learned to play

against different players from pretty much everywhere in the world," he said. "Each person has his own style of play, and having played in our command's league made my game a lot better."

Dukes ranks this as one of his biggest accomplishments.

"There are a lot of players who never get an opportunity to be seen by an NBA scout," Dukes said. "I may have to get used to the professional rules that they used, but otherwise, I think I'll do okay."

Dukes, as well as other Bandits coaches and players, are at the Azalea Dining Facility at 11:30 a.m. Monday to meet Keesler people and to sign autographs.

Sickle cell victors



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Gaynell Nicholson, left, 81st Communications Squadron, and Max Lemons, 335th Training Squadron, cross the finish line during the fifth annual Sickle Cell Fun Run Friday. Nicholson, the first female to cross the finish line, ran the race in 25 minutes, 24 seconds, while Lemons was timed at 17:57.

SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Editor's note: For questions about schedules or standings, call Jim Grubb, 377-2444 or visit <http://www.eteamz.com/keeslerafb>. All games are played at Blake Fitness Center.

Playoffs

April 11 — 332nd TRS 45, 81st MSS 33; 81st MDOS-B 57, 335th TRS 44; 81st CES-A 48, 332nd TRS 45 (OT); 338th TRS -A 42, 81st MDOS-B 41.

April 12 — 81st MDOS-A 68, 333rd TRS 51; 334th TRS 63, 81st CS 56; 81st MSS 45, 81st MDOS B 39; 332nd 48, 335th TRS 46.

April 13 — 81st CS 55, 81st MDOS B 45; 334th TRS 61, 338th TRS 43; 333rd TRS 59, 332nd TRS 46.

April 14 — 81st MDOS-A 66, 81st CES-A 60; 333rd TRS 57, 338th TRS-A 53; 81st CS 42, 81st CES 41.

Semi-finals and championship game results were not available at press time.

Pride League

Championship game — Wednesday.

All intramural basketball games are played at the Blake Fitness Center.

Bowling

Editor's note: For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

Bowl in the Dark — noon to 4 p.m. April 28. Open to military and civilians, teams and individuals. Cost is \$10. For more information, call 377-2142 or 377-4444.

Summer leagues — registrations accepted for Monday League, Thursday morning seniors, Friday mixed, Sunday Incredibles have-ball and base intramurals.

Retiree Day special — May 13. Retirees bowl for \$1 per game with free shoe rental receive a 75 cent discount on the daily lunch special, and have their bowling ball cleaned free from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Birthday parties — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required. For more information, call 377-2817.

Family day — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents pay to bowl, their children bowl the same game free.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Non-prior service students — show your UBU card and receive a discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$25.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all day Sundays, bowl two hours \$9.95.

Fitness

Editor's note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Varsity teams — players and coaches are needed for both volleyball and softball teams. Interested members can sign up at either the Blake or Triangle Fitness centers.

Sports physicals — pediatric clinic provides sports physicals for school-age students. To schedule, call the TRICARE appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

Blake Fitness Center

Aerobic workout tapes — available for free checkout and use in the facility. For more information, call 377-4409.

Fitness assessments — appointments only. For more information, call 377-4385.

Dragon Fitness Center

Parent-child fitness room — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years available.

Aerobics — variety of free classes offered at Dragon Fitness Center to accommodate most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Triangle Fitness Center

Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame — best lifters in each weight category and gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

Golf

Editor's note: For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

Intramural golf chamionship — 1 p.m. April 28 at Bay Breeze.

2005 Keesler vs. Biloxi Bay Chamber Bay Golf Tournament — 1 p.m. May 6 shotgun start. Cost \$55. Winner takes home Don Wylie Memorial Cup. For more information, call 377-5817 or e-mail wayne.rowell@keesler.af.mil

Honor Guard golf tournament — noon, May 12. Cost is \$35 per person, including lunch. For more information, call Jim Taylor, 377-2081 or Reginald Cobb, 377-1986.

Bring two, golf free program — sponsor two or more guests, receive 18 holes of free. Guest fee \$25. For more information, call 377-3832.

Free golf lessons for novice golfers — 5-6 p.m. Wednesdays. Sign-up in the pro shop. Maximum 15.

Free golf lessons for non prior service students — noon to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Sign up in the pro shop. Maximum 20.

Individual lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

Disks for disk golf — available for rent or purchase at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 377-3160.

Outdoor recreation

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 3186.

Deep seas fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays and down Fridays. \$40.

Mother's Day special — May 8. Moms receive a 10 percent discount on boat rentals.

Fishing trips to the oil rigs — pick your day and call to reserve, \$100 per person. Maximum six people.

Dinner cruise — 4-8 p.m. May 14, 28. Cost is \$40 per person including meal.

Swimming lesson registration — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 10-12. Call for more information.

Base swimming pools — open May 28.

May fishing tournament — weigh in the largest ground mullet at the marina during the month and receive a \$100 savings bond.

Boat slip rental — boats up to 20 feet \$50 per month; 20-50 feet \$2.50 per foot. Power and water included.

Pontoon boat training — test and certification and is necessary to rent a pontoon boat.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — available by appointment only. For more information, call 377-3160.

Softball

Editor's note: For more information, call Jim Grubb, 377-3056.

Amateur softball clinic — 5:30-8 p.m. April 28, Vandenberg Community Center. Open to all players to learn softball rules. For more information, call Jim Grubb at Ext. 2444.

Weather

Intraumural sports officials have until 3 p.m. on game day to postpone or cancel games. If the weather becomes a safety issue after 3 p.m., the officiating crew makes the decision whether to play before 6 p.m.

Youth activities center

Youth sports program — for information on registrations for upcoming sports programs, call 377-4116.

Instructional classes — karate, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

Taekwondo — 6:30-7:30 p.m. for children, Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Michael Munyon, 239-6270.

Bowl-by-mail winners announced

By Steve VanWert

Air Force Services Agency
Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO — Sixteen youth between the age 5-18 were winners in the Air Force Bowl-by-Mail competition, Air Force Services Agency officials said.

The teens and preteens bowled a series of games at their installations and mailed the results to their respective major commands.

"This is the fifth consecutive year for the Bowl-by-Mail program," said William Dowell, youth specialist at the agency. "The number of bowlers increased by more than 700 from last year. It's a justification of the popularity and success of the program."

The winners and their categories are:

High game, ages 5-8:

Male — Dylan Biasini, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., 171.

Female — Brianna Hurst, F.E. Warren, 152.

High series, ages 5-8:

Male — Austin Hewlett, Pope AFB, N.C., 412.

Female — Brianna Hurst, F.E. Warren, 351.

High game, ages 9-11:

Male — Mitchell Powell, Offutt AFB, Neb., 219.

Female — Sydney Pinkert, Eglin AFB, Fla., 208.

High series, ages 9-11:

Male — Mitchell Powell, Offutt, 527.

Female — Kandace Peterson, Scott AFB, Ill., 502.

High game, ages 12-14:

Male — Kevin Sobieski, Langley AFB, Va., 237.

Female — Kim Knapp, Minot AFB, N.D., 268.

High series, ages 12-14:

Male — James Teaters, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 590.

Female — Kim Knapp, Minot, 592.

High game, ages 15-18:

Male — Justin Clapper, Offutt, 247.

Female — Julie Myhre, Eglin, 236.

High series, ages 15-18:

Male — Justin Clapper, Offutt, 699.

Female — Rebecca Witt, Offutt, 653.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Airman Leadership School Class 05-C

- 81st Civil Engineer Squadron** — Senior Airman William Fort (academic award and distinguished graduate) and Joshua Wiggs.
- 81st Communications Squadron** — Senior Airmen Michael Davis, Troy Fields and Keith King.
- 81st Medical Operations Squadron** — Senior Airman Gary Miller (Levitow Award).
- 81st Medical Support Squadron** — Senior Airmen Anissa Hughes (flight sergeant) and Sean Landolt.
- 81st Mission Support Group** — Senior Airman Timothy Mattson.
- 81st Operations Support Flight** — Senior Airman William Jacks.
- 81st Security Forces Squadron** — Senior Airmen Jason Dural, Jarvis Hardiman and Gregory Thomas (class commander and leadership award winner).
- 81st Supply Squadron** — Senior Airman Toyshaline Young.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Basic electronic principles — Airmen Basic Jorge Arellano, Gordon Boyer, Christopher Carrothers, Stephen Chavez, Matthew Cornett, Jeffrey Cummings, Francisco Enriquez, Jason Ferguson, Steven Hutchens, Christopher Hutchinson, Kenneth Johnson, Joshua Jones, Lukus Kipfer, Daniel Loose, Matthew Lyons, Michael Mason, Ryan Massey, Philip McGuirk, Kevin Miller, Joshus Morrison, Andrew Nichols, Phu Pham and Patrick Torres; Airmen Tiffiney Hubbard, Foster Kyles, Sheldon Newton, Gregory Terrell and Kevin Veliz; Airmen 1st Class Austin Adams, Heath Allred, Claire Armstrong, Allen Batzel, Glenn Bishop, Rosalina Brunt, Leuris Castillo, Tracey Coon, Ross Danaher, Jordan Fitzgerald, Jeffrey Hamlin, Tyler Jacoby, David Jones, Leslie Manhoo, Samuel Rosa, Cameron Sapp, Anthony Sharpe, Brent Smith, Sara Sterling, Joey Tafoya, Mark Tarrants, Jacob Whitney and James Young; Senior Airmen Brian Broussard, Thomas Cavanaugh, Robert Conly, Dino Dan, Alexander Finn, Michael Norman, Timothy Williams and Derek Webb; Staff Sgts. Angelo Apa, Jeffrey Carrier, Amy Elness, Robert Hathaway, Ryan Hickey, Daniel Kratzer, Lawrence Litzinger, Jason McCash, Daniel Newman, Anthony Perkins, Mario Sageth and John Stinnett; Tech. Sgts. Scott Coil, Christopher Huard, Richard Nawai, Tomas Paris and Lionel Price; Master Sgt. Timothy Franklin.

334th TRS

- Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course** — Airmen Basic Stuart King, James Mitchell and Jody Swem; Airman 1st Class Caldon Buenconsejo; Senior Airman Jennifer-nichole Sonson; Staff Sgt. Ryan Bateman.
- Air traffic control operations training flight** — Airmen Basic Mark Armstrong, Ashley Clark, Paul Dickey, Joshua Shorter-Ivey, Simon Malson, Jerry McKinney, Sean Mullins, Steven Pietras, Joel Sines and Benjamin Sullins; Airmen 1st Class Tyler Blanchard, Justin Cobb, Noah Dunlap, Daniel Mang, James Marzullo, Tanner Morgan, Jacob Poulliot, Jason Stegmann and Shane Wilkinson; Senior Airman Kevin Hennelly and Nicholas Vanni; Staff Sgts. Steven Adamic, Marell Ducksworth, David Iglesias, Darrel Johnson and Rodney Martin.
- 338th TRS**
- Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course** — Airmen Basic Glen Hesson and Christopher Murphy; Airman James Jones; Airmen 1st Class Tyler Burns, Silvestre Caraballo, Jessie Crews, Brandon Hartzell, Robert Hopkins, Nino Ilidan, David Jackson, Stavros Kalfoglou, Nathaniel Kennedy, Franklin Moyer, Micheal Shepard, Jeremy Slabaugh and Zachary Welden; Senior Airmen Joshua Gardner, Shay Glasgow and Thomas Scibelli; Staff Sgts. Frank Perez and Duy Vu; Tech. Sgt. Hubert Black.
- Ground radio flight** — Airmen Basic James Aultman, Douglas Burch, Daniel Camarena, Kenneth Gese, Matthew Gray, Zachary Greenlee, Stephen Herron, Brent Showalter and Jeremy Starkey; Airmen Justin Broussard, Dawn Ostrye, Kelly Parker and Jessica Ramsay; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Dale, Benjamin

CHAPEL SERVICES

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Orthodox

Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox) — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

St. Mary’s Church (Eastern Orthodox) — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Jewish

Beth Israel Synagogue — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.

Biloxi Ward — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.

Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.

Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.

Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....10 a.m.

Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.

Prayer service for peace — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.

Medical Center Chapel8:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.

Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel11:15 a.m.

Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.

Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

- Davis, Daniel Morgan, Paul Shpakov and Jordan Viens; Senior Airmen Michael Boccaccio, Justin Champine, David Gregory, Roberto Santiago and Stuart Silverman; Staff Sgt. Todd Overstreet; Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Oberg.
- Radar systems flight** — Airman Bradley Johnson; Airmen 1st Class Theodore Donald, Raymond Heil, Jason Jones and Steven O’Leary; Senior Airman Joseph Gagnon; Staff Sgt. Brian Fitzgerald; 2nd Lt. Andrej Gerjevic.
- PROMOTIONS**
- 2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards**
- May 16-27** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.
- July 6-21** — lieutenant colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.
- July 25-29** — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.
- Aug. 2-12** — blocked.
- Aug. 15-26** — command screening.
- Sept. 12-23** — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

- Sept. 26-30** — special selection.
- Oct. 4-6** — blocked.
- Oct. 11-21** — chief master sergeant evaluation.
- Oct. 25-27** — Air National Guard colonel, second session.
- Nov. 14-18** — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.
- Dec. 5-16** — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

TRICARE

Beneficiary services — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

Claims services — 1-800-403-3950.

“Urgent” after hours primary care manager access — 1-877-794-4629.

Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

Education center for women — in women’s health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women’s health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

Keesler Medical Center clinic hours — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Urgent care, pediatric clinic hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

On the Web — Keesler Medical Center’s Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

TRICARE Service Center — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 05-D — graduates May 31.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 05-4 — graduates May 26.

First Term Airmen Center

Class 05-8 — graduates today.

Class 05-9 — Monday through May 5

Chapel

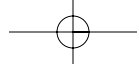
Book of Acts adult Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call David Moore, 594-0072.

Women’s Bible study — 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Topic is Beth Moore’s “Breaking Free.” Child care available. For more information, call Bonnie Nikolaus, 818-9412.

Keesler Medical Center

- Shaving clinic** — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.
- Allergy/immunization clinic** — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.
- International travel clinic** — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

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McBride Library

Orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.
Story time for infants — 10 a.m. Wednesday.
National garden month — book display all month.
Exchange books — change one for one.
Orientations/volunteer work — for more information, call 377-2181.

Arts and crafts center

Ceramic painting — Mother's Day plate Saturday. For more information, call 377-2821.
Advanced beading — Saturday, \$30 plus a \$15-20 supply kit. For class times, call 377-2821.
One-stroke beginner painting — 1-3 p.m. Saturday. \$40 including most supplies.
One-stroke project class — 1-3 p.m. Saturday. \$25 including most supplies; beginner class is prerequisite.
Advanced matting — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday. \$20 including supplies; beginning class is prerequisite.
Beginner cake decorating — 1 p.m. Saturday. \$10.
Nonprior service student special — 1 p.m. Friday, Fish-bowl. Make Mother's Day card for \$1 with UBU card.
Family fun night — 6 p.m. Tuesday. Make a soap/bath salt gift. \$10 per child with adult, including supplies.
Wood shop special — come in and make something for Mother's Day and receive two hours of free shop use.
Giveaways — each time you use the multi-craft shop in April, you earn an entry for a ceramic birdhouse to be given away April 30.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Transition assistance three-day workshop — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 9-11, June 6-8, July 11-13, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Retirement and veterans briefing — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

PALACE Chase information briefings — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

Health care professionals — needed by the Air Force Reserve. Critical Air Force Specialty Codes available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida units are 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3. Some may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-8332, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

Barnes Air National Guard Base, Mass. — Airmen who've completed their enlistment and don't have a military service obligation may qualify for \$15,000 enlistment bonus in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. For more information, call 1-800-247-9151, DSN 698-1567 or e-mail recruiting@mabarn.ang.af.mil.

Missouri Air National Guard, Jefferson Barracks — looking for officers to fill positions as air battle managers, pilots and navigators with Air Force Specialty Codes 013B3K, 013M3, 011B3Y, 011G3, 012F3Y, 011F3B, 012F3Y, 013B3B and W011G3Y. For more information, call DSN 824-8504 or commercial 314-527-8504.

Employment assistance

Employment Network Center — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

Web sites

Defense Manpower Data Center — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.bluegray.com>.

America's Job Bank — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

Computer use

Government computers — commanders may authorize their use for the preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use of the equipment for the purpose doesn't adversely affect the mission.

Transition employment opportunities public folder — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Keesler Community Center

Texas Hold 'Em (all ranks) — 7 p.m. April 29 and May 13; grand finale May 19. \$4 Keesler Club members; \$7 for all others. For more information, call 377-8313.

Youth and adult guitar lessons — half-hour lessons, 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$55 per month. For appointment, call 377-3308.

Piano lessons — 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 5 through adult. For fee information, call 377-3308.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.

Vandenberg Community Center

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before non working Fridays.

Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with April birthdays show their ID card and get in free the third Friday of the month.

CyberSports Internet game center — now open. For more information, call 377-4519.

Youth activities center

Friday teen night — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events; register by Wednesday of each week.

Preteen night — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events; register by Wednesday of each week.

Summer camp opportunities — registrations accepted now for summer camp for those completing grades K-6; counselor-in-training program, summer youth volunteers and youth employment skills program. For more information, call 377-4116.

F-4 Fit For Fun Force — promotes fitness for ages 9-18; four team levels. For more information, visit <http://www.f4-kids.com>.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, ages 6 and older. \$30.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

Dance — Tuesdays or Thursdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

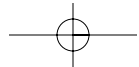
Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Mondays, ages 13-18.

Keesler Club

Editor's note: Dining is open to all ranks.

Mongolian barbecue — 5:30-8 p.m. April 28.

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DINING FACILITIES MENUS

Today

Lunch — orange spiced chops, braised liver with onions, tempura fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, wax beans, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Dinner — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

Lunch — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Dinner — corned beef, pineapple chicken, yankee pot roast, cornbread, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, black-eyed peas, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, baked macaroni and cheese, noodles, gravy, peas, baked sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, oven-browned potatoes, rice, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili with beans, grilled Polish sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — chili macaroni, beef cannelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, Polish sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, barbecue spareribs, stuffed pork chops, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, jalapeno cornbread, cauliflower combo, corn, tempura vegetables, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

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Lunch buffet — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays, except holidays. Mongolian barbecue Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish the last working day of each week.

Wednesday night special — 4:30 p.m. until they’re gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

NASCAR race watch parties (all ranks) — Sunday; call for time. Food and drink specials, prize giveaways. Club members register to win a trip for two to a major NASCAR event.

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.

Pinochle (all ranks) — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Karaoke night — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays.

Latino night — Friday. 7-8 p.m. dance lessons. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. DJ. Drink specials

Club level 1 — 9 p.m. till, Saturdays.

Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before non-working Fridays.

Snack and drink specials — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Progressive pot cash giveaway Wednesdays for members.

VOLUNTEERS

Editor’s note: Included are base organizations, events, training orientation and other information for volunteers. For more information on opportunities in the surrounding communities, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Shironda Gilchrist, 377-4477.

American Red Cross-Keesler Chapter — provides volunteers for disaster assistance and other emergency responses. Training is provided and skills are matched with current needs. For more information, call Richard Huffman Sr., 377-3030.

Chapel — for more information, call 377-2520.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Family support center — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.

Fisher House — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.

KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:

Life skills enhancement center — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.

Family support center — 377-2179.

Family advocacy — 377-7006.

Family member program — 377-3077.

Health and wellness center — 377-5305.

403rd Wing — 377-3277.

Chapel — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.

Classes, seminars

Parenting classes — 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.

Marriage enrichment classes — 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.

Girl Scouts — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.

High school students — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.

Honor guard — for more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.

International military student office — for more information, call 377-4228.

McBride Library — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonie Day, 377-2181 or 2604.

Medical center — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.

Retirees activities office — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

MEETINGS

Recurring

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

Air Force Association, Chapter 332 — 11:30 a.m. second Monday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Capt. Ted Cassin, 377-3727, or edward.cassin@keesler.af.mil or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@member.afa.org.

Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652 — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.

Alcoholics Anonymous — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.

Amateur radio club — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Staff. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 — 11:30-1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

AWANA — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for preschool through high school students. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.

Boy Scout Troop 253 — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/biloxi253/> or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.

Breast cancer support group — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.

Breastfeeding support group — for more information, call Rebecca Wilson, 832-0413.

Cancer support group — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

Chapel ropes — 8 a.m. Sundays, Fishbowl Student Center.

Charismatic intercessory prayer service — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets.

Christian men’s fellowship luncheon — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

Christian singles — various hours and activities at The Haven. For more information, call Willie Page, 392-1399.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Company grade officers council — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capts. Branimir

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyler House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4
:19	:49 Thomson Hall

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:02	:32 Shoppette
:04	:34 White Avenue Gate
:05	:35 Shaw House
:06	:36 Main exchange
:07	:37 Keesler Federal Credit Union
:08	:38 Medical center, Tyler House
:09	:39 Sablich Center
:10	:40 Dental clinic
:13	:43 Marina park
:14	:44 Bay Breeze Golf Course
:15	:45 Pass Road Gate
:17	:47 Welch Auditorium
:18	:48 338th TRS, Building 6965

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Shaw House
:12	Muse Manor
As required	Tyer House
:14	TLQ east side 2000 block
:16	TLQ east side of Locker House
:17	332nd TRS
:18	335th TRS
:20	Welch Auditorium
:26	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:27	McClellan Hall
:28	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:30	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

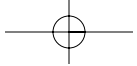
Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.

To Keesler via Highway 90: 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.

To Keesler from north of base: 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D’Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D’Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.

Back to off-base lodging: 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.

Duty passengers have priority over “space available” riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.



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Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns 377-0663, or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/CGOC/index.htm>.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Cub Scout Pack 281 — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel

Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusanek, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

Dorm council — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

Hispanic Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-2985 or 216-0569; Carlos Puig, 385-2985, or Dee McKaig, 432-1090.

Hispanic Employment Committee — 4 p.m. second Wednesday of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 216-0569.

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Michelle Harper, 872-579; Amanda Letonoff, 432-8626, or Patty Stiles, 392-8582.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at

corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Vicky Walton, 436-6408, or e-mail chajanding@aol.com.

Medical center officers spouses club — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

Multiples support group — For more information, call Marty Cummings, 388-4595.

Order of Daedalians — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

Play group — 9:30-11 a.m. Tues-

days, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

Prayer warriors network — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant youth group — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628.

Toastmasters — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

Top III Association — 3 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Lori Pullen, 377-9759; Master Sgt. Randy Schneider, 377-0066; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377-8431; Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sandoval, 377-6969, and Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

Weight Watchers — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Kristi Hamrick, 872-9059, or e-mail khhamrick@yahoo.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

Today — 7 p.m., Million Dollar Baby (PG-13).

Friday — 7 p.m., Ice Princess (G).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Million Dollar Baby; 7 p.m., The Ring 2 (PG-13); 9:30 p.m., Be Cool (PG-13).

Sunday — 2 p.m., The Ring 2 (PG-13).

Keesler Thrift Shop

Mondays

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(sales only)

Wednesdays - Thursdays

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(sales)

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(consignments accepted
at rear entrance)

Building 3217
412 3rd Street
behind the Keesler Club
377-3217

